



STREATHAM
& CLAPHAM
HIGH SCHOOL

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Spectators Policy January 2025

Purpose

The aim of this policy is to enable parents and carers to watch sporting fixtures outside at Streatham & Clapham High School in a way that is safe and secure. The school warmly encourages parents and carers to support the pupils in their sports matches and this policy ensures that this can happen, whilst also maintaining excellent safeguarding at the school. This policy will therefore set out the procedure to follow prior to and during all sporting fixtures which are open to parents and carers.

Parents and carers are invited to attend fixtures which are listed in **green** in the Term Diary. They are also advised to check SOCS to ensure that the school is able to accommodate spectators on that particular day. Latecomers will not be admitted.

Prior to a Fixture

In advance of each sporting fixture which is open to parents and carers, the school will send out a Microsoft Form to the parents/carers of any child selected to participate. This form will allow parents/carers to indicate if they plan to attend and spectate. When completing the form, parents/carers will be prompted to read the SCHS Spectators' Code of Conduct and must tick to agree to adhere to it.

A hard copy of the SCHS Spectators' Code of Conduct will be available to each parent/carer when they arrive to the school and is available at the end of this policy (Appendix 1). Any parent or carer not willing to agree to the SCHS Spectator's Code of Conduct will be unable to attend and watch the fixture.

The administration team will be provided with a list of the names of parents/carers who have requested to attend the fixture and agreed to the Code of Conduct.

On the Date of the Fixture

Parents/carers should arrive 10 minutes before the fixture at the **Field Gate** (to the right of the school's reception) and give their name, in order to receive an orange "Spectator" lanyard. Once they have their lanyard, then, as per the Code of Conduct, they must follow signs and make their way straight to the location where the fixture is being held (usually the main field, the All-Weather Pitch or the outdoor netball courts). Latecomers will not be admitted.

Spectators must wear their lanyard at all times. No parent/carer may be inside the school buildings away from a fixture. The Code of Conduct states the expectation that the toilets will not be used by spectators except in an emergency.

All SCHS staff have a responsibility to challenge any adult not correctly identified in line with our usual safeguarding policy. Members of the PE department are more likely to see adults who have arrived to watch a fixture; however, it is acknowledged that they will often be fully occupied refereeing matches etc and it remains the responsibility of all staff to challenge anyone on site who is not wearing an appropriate orange spectator lanyard.

Parents/Carers will have a designated area in which to stand and watch which will be clearly indicated with signage.

Once the fixture has concluded, parents must wait to be accompanied by a member of PE staff and directed out of the Field Gate or reception, dependent on the time of day.

Appendix 1

Streatham & Clapham High School Spectator Code of Conduct

In order to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our entire community, this Code of Conduct is for all spectators watching sporting fixtures at Streatham & Clapham High School. If you would like to attend and watch your child in their fixture, you will need to agree to the following in order to be permitted to attend.

Whilst watching a sports fixture at SCHS, I agree to the following:

- I will be polite and respectful to all staff and students from both SCHS and the visiting school
- I will complete the Microsoft Form in advance of the fixture to indicate my intention to attend
- I will collect an orange 'Spectator' lanyard from the main reception immediately upon arrival and wear it so that it is always visible whilst I am on the school site
- I will only visit the area of the school site relevant to the fixture (normally the main field, All-Weather Pitch or outdoor netball courts) and I will stand in the designated area for spectators of that fixture

Please note: Parents/carers will not be able to use the toilet facilities; please be aware of this before attending. In an emergency, please speak to the nearest member of staff who will be able to direct you.

In the event of a fire alarm, please muster at the following locations:

During school hours: on the All-Weather Pitch

After school hours: at the bottom of Hoadly Road (opposite Reception)
